

Notes and Items.

At Home and Abroad.

MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

	Clearings. \$	Balances \$
Total for week ending		
12th September.....1901,	20,882,427	2,801,355
Corresponding week...1900,	14,455,601	2,195,844
" " 1899,	15,075,162	2,143,047
" " 1898,	14,745,727	1,968,962

NEWFOUNDLAND has been devastated by fires in the White Bay district which have spread over a wide area, burning numbers of houses and destroying timber.

VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED AT AND FROM THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL, according to latest published returns, had respectively a tonnage of about 10 millions of tons for the year. There are about 65 vessels, on an average, entered and cleared every day, Sundays included, all the year round.

UNDER REVISED STATUTES, 1889, § 5853, providing that an unmarried woman may insure the life of her brother for her benefit, a widow has an insurable interest in the life of her brother, and on his death may recover on a policy on his life which he has taken for her benefit.—*Sternberg v. Levy*, 60 S. W. 1114.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER BOTTLES can be emptied and re-filled, in illustration of which the following gem is more expressive than elegant: "What 'ave got in dem boddles, Ikey?" "Dem ain't boddles; dem's fire extinguishers." "Garn, you're not afraid of a bit of fire?" "No, but I gets 10 per cent. off the insurance for having dem about." "What's in dem?" "I don't know what was in 'em, but dere's kerosene in 'em now!"

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIFE UNDERWRITERS has been in session since 11th inst., at Portland Me., where the following valuable papers were presented, by Mr. James H. Hyde, New York, on "Life Assurance as a Profession," Mr. C. G. Hine, on the plans of the Underwriter's Protective Association, by Mr. A. H. Huling on, "Limitations in Life Insurance," by Mr. W. P. Stewart, "The Science of Life Insurance.—Its Synoptical Story." The gathering was highly enjoyed by a large body of delegates.

THE VISIT OF MR. R. P. HARDY, F.I.A., to Australia on professional business seems to have aroused some resentment as a reflection on the actuaries of the Commonwealth. If we understand the "Record" of Melbourne and Sydney, Mr. W. R. Davey, F.F.A., resigned his position with the Citizen's Life Assurance Co., which Mr. Hardy is to investigate, in order

"to uphold the dignity of the profession." Our contemporary, however, considers that Mr. Hardy will give the Company "good and sound advice" on all questions with which he will be called upon to deal, this, we beg to add, "goes without saying."

"THE VICTIMS OF ELECTRICITY," is the subject of a communication to the "Mail and Express," from Mr. Orville J. Victor, for the period between March and July. On the first line we find "Electrocuted, 94." Now this may be the number of persons killed by electricity at fires, but it is so large a number as to be very doubtful. As put, it seems to refer to criminals "electrocuted" in compliance with their death sentence. We should not style such persons, "victims of electricity," but, victims of their own evil passions. Murderers who are hung are not victims of the rope.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The following publication is acknowledged with thanks:

The Two Protectors, Oliver and Richard Cromwell, by Sir Richard Tangye. With thirty-eight illustrations. Published by S. W. Partridge & Co., London.

This work is quite unique as a contribution to the history of Cromwell and his son. Sir Richard Tangye makes no claims to distinction as a historian, but, as a collector of Cromwellian relics he has no rival, and few peers as an eulogist of the Protector. Cromwell's character is the greatest enigma in history. This is no place for an effort to solve the psychological riddle he presents. Indeed, we of this happier generation are ill-qualified to sit in judgment on men bred in the days of the Tudors and Stuarts. "There were giants in those days" whose names cannot be spoken without reverence or their deeds recalled without pride. But who is on the list and who not are questions regarding which controversy is likely forever to rage as bitterly as the wordy war between Monkbarns and Wardour over the characters of Queen Mary and King William, described in Scott's "Antiquary."

The work so courteously sent by Sir Richard Tangye contains copies of all extant portraits of Cromwell, the originals of several of which are in the Tangye collection, as also is a portrait of Hampden and original documents relating to the period. Amongst these are a letter to Cardinal Mazarin in Milton's handwriting, signed by Cromwell; a letter of his to Richard Cromwell; a contemporary M.S. giving a list of noblemen present in Parliament on 26th January, 1657; the Writ of Summons of Oliver's House of Lords; two letters of Cromwell's, relating to the siege of Pontefract Castle; a cryptogram of Charles the First's; an original copy of the "Proclamation by His Highness and the Parliament given at Westminster, 26th June, 1657." Sir Richard also owns a silver plaque, being an equestrian portrait of Cromwell with the words, "Oliverius Dei, Gra. R.E.I.P. Angliae, Scotiae, et Hiberniae." The author also is in possession of M.S. music once owned by Cromwell and other relics, one of which is a cast taken of Oliver's face after death. These remarkably interesting documents and curiosities make the Tangye collection unique. The work which they illustrate will be highly prized by not only admirers of the Protector, but by all historic students who as such delight in examining original documents of a period so fascinating as the Cromwellian era. Though the owner has pleasure in showing these treasures they ought to be in the British Museum safe from fire and open to public inspection.

STOCK EXCHANGE NOTES.

WEDNESDAY p. m., September 11, 1901.

The attempted assassination of the President of the United States on Friday last did not have such an effect on the local market as would have been the case had there been a session of the Board on Saturday morning, and the fact that the London market was also closed on that day helped to steady the panicky conditions unfortunately precipitated in the New York market by the atrocious attempt on the President's life. The New York market, naturally,